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Applicants:)	Examiner:	Tuan Van Nguyen
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**RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 22, 2006 OFFICE ACTION
IN UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/065,279**

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 22, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed. Payment of the petition fee is being authorized via electronic funds transfer. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any extra amount owed or to credit any extra amount paid to deposit account no. 13-4365.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.